

Today's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL

By kind permission of Captain the Hon. HEDWORTH LAMTON, THE DRAMATIC COMPANY OF

H.M.S. 'POWERFUL'

Will give a Performance On WEDNESDAY, 23rd February, Commencing at 9.15 p.m.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT Concluding with the GRAND REALISTIC TABLEAU

SONS OF THE OCEAN. The whole to conclude with the Laughable Farce

'BORROWED PLUMES.'

THE SPLENDID STRING BAND Will play selections during the Performance.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Reserved Seats \$2
Stalls \$1
Back Seats 50 cents.
Soldiers and Sailors half-price except to the Back Seats.

Seats may be booked at the Robinson's Piano Co.'s Saloon.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1898. [257]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

"HALLOONG," Captain Robinson, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 17th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAURA & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1898. [258]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"CREFELD" will be despatched as above on or about the 15th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "LOMBARD,"

FROM PORTLAND, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1898. [15-4]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

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DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSERS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [30]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1896. [45]

MEE CHEUNG, PHOTOGRAPHER.

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Hongkong, 22nd September, 1896. [48]

Intimation.



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WINE & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LIST, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

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WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. THE SCOTCH WHISKY marked "W" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

BIRTH.

On the 15th instant, a.m., at No. 9, Bellifos Terrace, the wife of G. P. LAMMERT, of a son.

DEATHS.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on the 7th of February, 1898, F. C. GOODALL, aged 43 years.

At No. 6, Seward Road, on the 8th inst., FIAO MVI, the dearly beloved wife of Thomas Deighton, aged 56 years. Deeply regretted.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The three illustrious tailors of Tooley Street were too modest. They only claimed to be "We, the People of England."

The Thames Valley Legist Club claims to be the Parliament of Nations, the Council of the World. A month ago this mighty Club went in procession through the London streets to Tower Hill, and unanimously abolished America and revolutionized Spain by the following resolution, which was carried by acclamation: "That, as the present revolutionary Liberal, usurping Government in Spain has allowed that ancient monarchy to be insulted with impunity by the mushroom republic known as the United States of America and also has not even had the courage to court-martial General Weyler who has nobly protested against the degradation, we, the members of the Thames Valley Legist Club, are of opinion that the restoration of King CHARLES VII., the Legistist Sovereign, is urgently called for in order that the traditional national honour of Spain may be saved." The Legistists, having thus done their duty to society, retired to dinner; presumably, they devoured all the mushrooms that came in their way!

The *Avant du Tonkin* says that the Syndicat des Haut Laos has decided to close its trading establishments in the Upper Laos country. At the same time, the price of lucifer matches in Saigon has reached one cent per box, or ten cents per packet, on account of the tariff. And while these things are going on, the principal event of the day (from the French point of view) is that a prominent official challenged a prominent civilian to a duel, and, being scorned, inserted a huge sprawling advertisement in a newspaper, "M. LYNCHER is a blackguard." These three disconnected items of news sum up the day-to-day history of French colonies.

In the British Consular Court at Bangkok on the 2nd inst., the Judge incidentally remarked, in course of hearing a civil suit, that law and common-sense were synonymous terms. We do not doubt that they should be; but few things in this world are as they should be, and our opinion is that law is by no means synonymous with common-sense. We will even go so far as to say that sometimes law and justice are very different things. It is a matter of opinion, of course, for justice and common-sense cannot be laid down in writing and codified as law can; but it is not very long ago that a man in Hongkong who openly confessed to the murder of his wife had to be acquitted on a point of law.

It is worthy of note that the British fleet on the China Station is being again reinforced, and is now not far from being equal to the combined forces of all the other Powers represented in these waters. This is a very satisfactory situation; and we may fairly assume that it does not mean any undue weakening of the British squadron in the Mediterranean and the English

Channel. That is to say, we may conclude that the ships can be spared without too much risk, or they would not be sent. It is reassuring to find that Britain can do so well. It does not necessarily mean that there is any reason to expect trouble; simply that it is always useful to let the rest of the world know we are on the alert and strong enough to stand no trifling. In fact (according to our view) the Government strengthens the fleet solely to show other Powers the uselessness of fighting; not that a fight is expected, but that it is made so much the more improbable.

A correspondent brings up again the question of having torpedo-destroyers and other small warships built by the Hongkong Dock Company for the British Navy. We believe the only argument against the proposal is that such vessels can be built a little cheaper in England than is possible in Hongkong; but surely this is not an economical view of the question. Surely it is worth money to the British taxpayer, to know that there is a building yard of a certain capacity in Hongkong and that it is being kept in an efficient state for building light craft.

The danger caused by cycling on Bowen Road is also mentioned by a correspondent. We are not among those who advocate the repression of cyclists—far from it; but we do consider that they should be kept off Bowen Road. Even if every cyclist in Hongkong could be trusted always to pass pedestrians at a reasonable pace, to signal his approach, and to carry a light after sundown, still we think Bowen Road is a place where cycles ought not to go.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

MR. GLADSTONE'S HEALTH.

LONDON, February 15th.

Mr. Gladstone is steadily improving.

CHINA AND GREAT BRITAIN.

Great Britain is negotiating at Peking for the navigation of the inland waters, and the opening of Yuen-chow to the province of Huanan.

(Probably a mistake for Yuen-chow, at the entrance to the Tung-ting lake.—Ed. H.K.T.)

CHINA AND FRANCE.

China has agreed to pay compensation for the kidnapping of a Frenchman in Tonkin.

CHINA AND THE BURMAH RAILWAY.

China has granted Great Britain the right to extend the Burmah railway through Yunnan.

CRICKET.

New South Wales has beaten Stoddart's team by 239 runs.

PARLIAMENTARY.

An amendment to the Address of the House of Commons (in reply to the Queen's Speech) by Mr. John Redmond in favour of an independent Irish Parliament and Executive was rejected by a majority of 128. Sir William Harcourt declined to support the amendment, because it ignored Imperial supremacy. The Liberals voted with the majority.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE U. S. *Pittier* arrived from Canton to-day.

An epidemic of measles is spreading over England, the disease growing more malignant as it spreads.

FOR having a false weight in his shop a Chinese storekeeper was to-day fined \$30. The conviction was secured by Inspector Duncan.

TWO women, charged with ill-treating a small girl and who were bailed out to appear at the Police Court to-day. The bail, \$200 each, was exonerated and warrants were issued for their arrest.

GOLF as played in Hankow must be a royal thirst-producing pastime, judging from the accounts of the club there. There we see the following items: "Sale of golfing gear, \$281.30; Sale of Wines, \$4,233.42."

A SPECIAL meeting of the Sanitary Board was held at 9.30 a.m. to-day. The object of the meeting was to receive a report from the Medical Officer of Health regarding the outbreak of smallpox in the colony. In No. 4 district forty-five cases have occurred in eight days, principally amongst Chinese and Portuguese. The district was declared infected, and a house to house visitation is to be made there.

THE *San Francisco Chronicle* says:—The need of an experienced diplomat in China has been met by the nomination of Edwin H. Conger of Iowa. Mr. Conger represented the United States in Brazil during the Da Gama revolt, and did so well at difficult junctures as to warrant the President in choosing him for the Chinese emergency. Mr. Bryan, the former choice for Minister at Peking, and a novice at diplomatic work, will go to Rio de Janeiro, where it is all plain sailing.

H.M.S. *Albatross* was built at Devonport, and this, her first commission, has proved terribly unfortunate so far. She was commissioned on February 22nd 1897. When she started for the Far East she experienced a very bad time of it, taking eight days to make Gibraltar from Plymouth, losing one boat and smashing some others. Arrived at Malta the missing boat was replaced by the one just smashed by the bows of the *Niropo* junk. Her troubles commenced on here with the red suicide of one of her officers. Then on November 3rd she got so far aground on the Shanghai flats that at low tide her bows were only in three feet of water, and remained practically high and dry for some hours. Next came her two recent accidents so that she hardly be called a *Lutine* ship. A trim little craft, speedy, of light draught and just the thing for these waters, says the *Mercury*; it will be a pity if her ship's company do not discover the *Jonah* in their midst and drop him comfortably overboard as soon as found.

ENGLAND has just shed off about a large number of her colonial governors. Sir Harry Blake, for nine years a Captain-General and Governor of Jamaica, who is coming to Hongkong, will be succeeded by Sir Augustus Hemming, the Colonial Officer permanent official, sent to govern British Guiana on account of his knowledge of the Venezuela difficulty. Sir Walter Sandall goes from Cyprus to Guiana, Sir W. Haynes Smith from the Bahamas to Cyprus, and Sir Gilbert Carter from Lagos, in West Africa, becomes the new Governor of the Bahamas Islands.

THE "fine old English game" of cock-fighting thrives in Hongkong, which perhaps the police don't know. A visit to some lanes off Queen's Road East on a Sunday morning should satisfy anybody who yearns for sport of a "buggy" nature and the Manila men in charge put up some very hot "mains" for the edification of passers by. Last Sunday, while a Chinese policeman stood in the road outside one of the lanes, a phantasmal looking fellow up the lane had two birds fighting till their backs and heads were literally raw. It was a most unlovely sight but—its sport you know.

A DARK NOTE.

Then filthy rag, begrimed by soot and hands, The home alike of parasite and germ, How many a little heart has bargained for? How many a year has been bargained for? His canonic was the scholar's pointed pen, Indites upon thy back. By thee, he says, There is no man upon this wicked world, No honour, might, nor power, nor earthly got; But may be bought. Thy filthy lucre pays For all. 'Tis patent then, thou'lt much to be Displeased. The ill thou dost outweighs the good.

And yet—mayhap—in cleaner hands, thou might'st Pursue a cleaner course. Who knows?— Would I had more of that!

A SERIOUS accident occurred, on 9th January near Dunbar, to the Scotch express which left the King's-cross Station at 11.30 the previous night. The train, which was drawn by two engines, was running at full speed, when it crashed into a wagon belonging to a coal train, which had got into a siding. The first engine of the express was thrown on its side and tore completely off the rails, and two or three of the front carriages of the express were shattered and telescoped. One passenger, a Miss M'Alpine, of Stirling, was killed on the spot, four others were seriously injured, and many were shaken, while the driver of the locomotive was also badly hurt. The permanent way was torn up for some distance, and the traffic was interrupted for several hours.

H.M.S. *Rapier* recently called at Cairns in Northern Queensland, a town with a large Chinese population, among whom a boisterous party of blue-jackets from the warship ran riot, when on shore leave, with the result that a bill for \$125 damages was forwarded to the captain, together with the following explanatory letter: "Miser Captain,—What for you send him sala man along my fellow countryman shop, smash em window, steal em hat, break em door. What for your sala man break em window, window no lun away. My countryman want break em sala man. Sala man lun away. Window more better sala man. I get your countryman make him bill long you. Suppose you no pay him, me tell you Miser Queen. She no pay, me tell em my Emperor. You look out, suppose she no pay him bill, God Save em Queen no more. No more Chinaman call em Queen good fellow. Good bye, Miser Captain, hope you no catches sala-man."

A PARTY of men from the s.s. *Darmstadt*, says the *Shanghai Mercury* of the 8th inst., made things hum at a village near Jessfield on Sunday evening last. It is said that, captivated by the beauty of a buxom maiden, they wrongly interpreted her resemment of their amorous attentions and felt encouraged to follow her into a wattle and dash hut. A terrible hubbub followed, and all the village turned out as one man to resist another German invasion. Bamboos were flying around and one of the visitors now wears a bandage round his head. As is usual, a Chinaman got the worst of the business, and he is at present in the Shanghai Hospital. Somehow or other the party struck the main road and came back to town, but one of the number was posted as missing. Information was given to the police and inquiries were immediately instituted, but while they were in progress the lost one returned to the ship, having taken a short cut across country when the combat appeared to be most interesting. It is evident that the people round about Jessfield are built of sterner stuff than those of Kiochow.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG CLUB v. D. COMPANY KING'S OWN REGIMENT.

It was this company which last Tuesday drubbed the Club's second team to the extent of 7 goals to nothing, so it was but in the natural order of things that a full team should be selected to meet them yesterday.

This was done with the exception that Rowcroft took Anton's place at centre-forward but unfortunately Noble and Moberley were unable to appear and Seth and Holmes had to be relied on to fill their places.

We noticed that the same right half played for D as appeared for H company against Rowland on Saturday. Nothing was scored by either side during the 1st half though the company had the best of the play. During the 2nd half their superiority was more apparent and getting through on a couple of occasions they won by 2 goals to 0.

With Noble and Moberley away the play was gone from the Club forwards though Moberley played well but was unsupported. Several of the men seemed out of condition particularly Lockyer, whilst C. T. Kew at back and his partner at half were the only ones of the defence who did themselves justice.

THE RACES.

STEWARDS—His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Alex. Bell, K.C.B.; His Excellency Major-General W. Black, C.B.; Commodore S. C. Holland, R.N., A.D.C.; Lieut. Colonel The O'Gorman, C.S.O.; The Hon. J. F. Bell-Irving; C. F. Hart, Esq.; The Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G.; T. Jackson, Esq.; D. Gillies, Esq.; The Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G.; R. M. Gray, Esq.; The Hon. T. H. Whitehead; M. Grote, Esq.

CLERK OF SCALES—

JUDGE—

ASSISTANT JUDGE—

STARTER—

2ND STARTER—

HON. TREASURER—A. Coutts, Esq.

CLERK OF THE COURSE—T. F. Hough, Esq.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY.

The annual race meeting opened to-day, and judging from all appearances is likely to be very successful. The weather to-day was mild and pleasant, the "going" was good, fields ditto and the attendance was most encouraging. There are many visitors in Hongkong just now and they swelled the muster considerably, "must see the Hongkong races," quite an experience you know. The Chinese don't seem to have much enterprise on the occasion of a race gathering. They may go in for a few sweets and fruit stalls, and that is all. Good old Aunt Sally, the shooting galleries, coconut sales, etc. are conspicuous by their absence on the Hongkong race course, but the crowd, when the racing is in full swing, is decidedly interesting and picturesque, so many naval and military uniforms lending a pleasing variety to the civilian element, and the bits of colour to complete the mosaic are always supplied by the brightly hued turbans and dresses of the Hindoos and Sikhs. A little after noon richness, chairs and nondescript vehicles drawn by ponies began to move eastwards along Queen's Road and after fifteen minutes increased in volume. Every business house of anything like importance in the city was closed, and the streets were given up to a few Chinese and a dejected looking policeman or two. As usual the ladies mustered strongly in the grand stand and on the lawn, and the pretty costumes and the "sweet" *maracas* of military that makes husbands dread "race time" were very much in evidence. The calculations of chances were busy all day, and the game little makes were discussed under the stand with as much earnestness and anxiety as if they had been so many Goodwin's and Derby cutters. For days past every one who spoke to wanted to know what was a "good thing" for this or that event, and to-day many who went in for a modest little flutter, that did not "come off," vowed they would never take the other fellow's tip again and then went off in search of somebody else to put them on to something. Horseracing is a splendid thing for improving breed and so on, but if it were not for the little bit of speculation that it offers the public we are afraid that it would be a very tame thing after all. Anyhow we have no very large-sized plungers here, and does the levitation bookmaker flourish here, and people manage to enjoy themselves very well after all. A pleasing feature of our race meetings is the reunion of friends from all the outposts, Japan and the Straits, etc. and at every turn little groups of long-parted friends were to be seen swapping experiences, and making sweeps of the winner or later imbibing a little of Farmer's best.

H. E. Major-General Black, and many other leading people were present during the afternoon, and the band of the King's Own Regiment greatly added to the pleasure of the gathering with some fine selections of music. The grand stand and all the various club and private stands and matheads were gallantly adorned with flags, and as the sun shone out in the afternoon the course and its surroundings presented a very pretty and animated appearance.

The results of the racing were—

THE WONG-KEI-CHONG STAKES, a sweepstakes of \$5 each with \$100 added; second pony to receive \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; griffins on date of entry (Saturday, 15th January, 1898); first pony to receive 70 per cent; second, 20 per cent; third, 10 per cent; weight for inches as per scale. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Hoppe's ch. Yensel, 11st 11lb. Mr. W. Cox 1

Mr. Boyd's d. Rookwood, 11st 7lb. Mr. Marshall 1

Mr. Buxey's d. Tea Rose, 11st 11lb. Mr. W. Cox 1

Mr. Bobjack's g. Solitaire, 10st 10lb. Mr. P. A. Cox 1

Mr. Carruther's g. Honest Indian, 11st 11lb. Mr. Crutchank 1

Mr. David's g. Statesman, 11st 11lb. Captain Loveband 1

Mr. David's g. Banterman, 11st 11lb. Mr. Sampson 1

Mr. Dennis' g. The Unknown, 10st 10lb. Mr. Davis 1

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